

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul J. Berman on 9/25/08.

The application has been amended to the following:

Specification:

Please insert the following as the first line of the specification:

- - This application is a divisional of application serial no. 09/985,473, filed 11/02/2001, now abandoned - -

Claim 14:

Line 3: "comprising" has been replaced with - - wherein the means for positioning the holder comprises - -

Claim 15:

Line 1: "placing the patient on the" has been removed.

Line 2: has been removed.

Line 3: has been removed and replaced with - - the means for locomotion comprises - -

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Claim 16:

Line 1: "placing the patient on the" has been removed.

Line 2: has been removed.

Line 3: has been removed and replaced with - - the means for locomotion
comprises - -

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-9, and 12-30 are allowed for at least the following reasons. The closest prior art does not disclose a matching holder for an RF shielding assembly that forms a cylindrical RF shield matching up with the patient-end surface of an NMR magnet where the holder is a rigid surface configured to abut and adjoin to the patient end surface of an NMR magnet including a cryostat so as to form an electrically coupled unit between the holder and the cryostat.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOEL M. LAMPRECHT whose telephone number is

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(571)272-3250. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian L. Casler can be reached on (571)272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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